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A Charming Portrait Miniature of Lady Sybil Eden - signed and dated 1899

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1203844****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 4.2 cm (1.7")

Description

A fine English portrait miniature of Lady Sybil Eden, daughter of Sir William Grey. The miniature is signed K.H and dated 1899. The original papier mache frame has a gilt metal swag below the portrait with Lady Sybil's name. Lady Sybil Eden was the daughter of Sir William Grey, a former Lieut. Governor of Bengal and Governor of Jamaica. A much admired Society beauty, in 1886 she married Sir William Eden, a landowner, collector and amateur painter, the second son of the sixth Baronet. They had five sons, one of whom died at birth. They never divorced but eventually lived separate lives. Lady Eden died on 17 June 1945, aged seventy-eight. Their daughter, Elfrida Marjorie Eden (1887-1943), married Guy, Lord Brooke in 1909 and became Countess of Warwick in 1924. Lady Sybil was friend with Florence Nightgale. On 4 March 1895 Eden brought an action against Whistler because the artist refused to hand over the portrait he had been commissioned to paint of Lady Eden, Brown and Gold: Portrait of Lady Eden y408, Whistler being dissatisfied with Eden's payment. Whistler lost but, believing that as an artist he had the right to withhold any work with which he was not entirely happy...

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